

CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1 1. A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)

2 comprising the steps of:

3 receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponds to a resource;

4 soliciting input of search terms where said RL is invalid;

5 receiving input of said search terms;

6 searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said search

7 terms;

8 presenting a list of all valid RLs in said predetermined index that correspond to

9 said search terms;

10 receiving selection of a RL from said list; and

11 retrieving and displaying content from said selected RL.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource

2 locator (URL).

1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said resource comprises a resource

2 accessible via the Internet.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard

2 representing a predetermined plurality of characters.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said search term comprises a wildcard.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said search term is representative of a
2 range of values.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of retrieving and
2 displaying content from said resource where said RL is valid.

1 8. A method of accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)
2 comprising the steps of:

3 receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponding to a resource;

4 determining if said RL is valid;

5 soliciting input of a RL search string where said RL is invalid;

6 receiving input of said RL search string; and

7 searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search
8 string to determine valid RLs that meet criteria specified by said RL search string.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource
2 locator (URL).

1 10. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of displaying a list of
2 valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving a
2 selection of a RL specified by said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search
3 string.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of accessing and
2 displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

1 13. A method of selecting a resource locator (RL) comprising the steps of:
2 receiving input of a RL, said RL corresponding to a resource;
3 determining if said RL is valid;
4 generating a RL search string where said RL is invalid; and
5 searching a predetermined index of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search
6 string to determine valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource
2 locator (URL).

1 15. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of displaying a list of
2 valid RLs that meet the criteria of said RL search string.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of receiving a
2 selection of a RL on said list of valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1 17. The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of accessing and
2 displaying content from a resource associated with said selected RL.

1 18. A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)
2 comprising:

3 controller for receiving a RL search string from a user device;
4 memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs; and
5 said controller is further configured to search said list of valid RLs to determine
6 valid RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource
2 locator (URL).

1 20. The system of claim 18, wherein said controller is further configured to
2 generate a list of valid RLs meeting criteria of said RL search string.

1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein said controller is further configured to
2 forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid
2 RLs to said user device via a network.

1 23. The system of claim 18, wherein said RL search string comprises a
2 wildcard character representing a predetermined character.

1 24. A system for accessing a resource associated with a resource locator (RL)
2 comprising:
3 controller for receiving a RL from a user device;
4 memory associated with said controller for storing a list of valid RLs; and
5 said controller is configured to generate a RL search string where said RL is
6 determined to be invalid; and
7 said RL search string comprises a wildcard.

1 25. The system of claim 24, wherein said RL comprises a uniform resource
2 locator (URL).

1 26. The system of claim 24, wherein said controller is further configured to
2 search said list of valid RLs in accordance with said RL search string to identify valid
3 RLs that meet criteria of said RL search string.

1 27. The system of claim 26, wherein said controller is further configured to
2 forward said list of valid RLs meeting said criteria to said user device.

1 28. The system of claim 27, wherein said controller forwards said list of valid
2 RLs to said user device via a network.

1 29. The system of claim 24, wherein said wildcard represents a predetermined
2 character.